



**City of Santa Barbara**  
**FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
11:00 A.M.

City Hall – Room 15 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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1. **Roll Call:** X Michael K. Jacobs X Scott Tracy X Gabe Dominocielo X Raphael Vazquez

Council Liaison: Cathy Murillo (absent)

Staff: X Robert Samario X Julie Nemes

2. **Public Comment:** *No public comment received.*

3. **Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of November 14, 2016:** *Minutes approved 3-0.*

4. **Follow-Up Discussion on Potential Lump-Sum Distribution of Plan Assets**

Ms. Nemes, Treasury Manager, discussed the status of the investments, that no activity has occurred other than earned dividends. Sufficient cash is available to meet pension payments through February.

Mr. Samario, Finance Director, advised the Commission that both Commissioner Jacobs and Mr. Cook, the two remaining pensioners, have agreed to cash out their respective shares of the remaining assets. Mr. Cook let Mr. Jacobs know that he wanted to know how much he might receive before he sent a letter officially agreeing to the proposed liquidation of the fund.

Commissioner Tracy expressed his concern over the legality of liquidating the fund. He requested that the Attorneys Office provide an official letter with their legal opinion.

Commissioner Dominocielo suggested the Commission recommend that Council deposit sufficient monies into the fund prior to liquidating it in an amount that would eliminate the unfunded liability, estimated at \$160,000. Mr. Samario shared that the General Fund is currently facing a deficit and will need to make cuts to most departments to offset the deficit, thus the timing of this request is unfortunate. In any case, the Commission unanimously voted to make that request to the City Council.

Mr. Samario informed the Commission that staff will need to get Council's approval to disburse the funds, and will advise the Commission of the meeting date when scheduled.

After Council's approval, staff will schedule one final meeting with the Commission with final details of the liquidation, including the costs to sell off the investments and the calculation of how the assets will be divided between the two pensioners. The Commissioners at that time will have one final opportunity to change their decision before the investments are sold.